

House Bill 436 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government,  
2 so as to change certain powers of the Georgia Technology Authority; to authorize the  
3 authority to develop certain plans and reports; to remove the requirement to maintain a  
4 three-year technology plan; to provide for a State Information Technology Report and the  
5 contents thereof; to provide that the authority may adopt an accrual method of accounting;  
6 to provide for certain agency reports; to remove the requirement that the authority, the Office  
7 of Planning and Budget, and the state accounting officer jointly develop a technology  
8 resources budget; to eliminate certain reports; to provide for related matters; to provide an  
9 effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

11 **SECTION 1.**

12 Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended  
13 by revising paragraphs (9) and (13) of subsection (a) of Code Section 50-25-4, relating to the  
14 general powers of the Georgia Technology Authority, as follows:

15 ~~"(9) To provide and approve a technology plan to include strategic planning and direction~~  
16 ~~for technology acquisition, deployment development, and obsolescence management as~~  
17 ~~well as a communications plan to manage costs for voice, video, data, and messaging~~  
18 ~~services for all agencies. The state technology plan shall incorporate plans from agencies~~  
19 ~~and other sources~~ Reserved;"

20 ~~"(13) To develop such plans and reports as are deemed necessary and useful and to~~  
21 ~~require agencies to submit periodic reports at such frequency and with such content as the~~  
22 ~~board shall define;"~~

**SECTION 2.**

Said title is further amended by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (b) of Code Section 50-25-5.1, relating to the powers and duties of the chief information officer, as follows:

~~"(4) To submit an annual and a three-year technology plan, updated annually, and an annual budget for approval and adoption by the board;"~~

**SECTION 3.**

Said title is further amended by repealing Code Section 50-25-7.10, relating to the contents of the annual report of the Georgia Technology Authority, in its entirety and inserting a new Code section to read as follows:

"50-25-7.10.

(a) The executive director shall publish an annual state information technology report that shall include:

(1) A report on the state's current and planned information technology expenditures, in cooperation with the Office of Planning and Budget and the state accounting officer, that shall include, but not be limited to, line-item detail expenditures on systems development, personal services, and equipment from the previous fiscal year and anticipated expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year;

(2) A prioritization of information technology initiatives to address unmet needs and opportunities for significant efficiencies or improved effectiveness within the state information technology enterprise; and

(3) A prioritized funding schedule for all major projects or initiatives, as well as cost estimates of the fiscal impact of the recommended information technology initiatives.

The state information technology report shall be submitted to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the board on or before October 1 of each year. The authority may adopt an accrual method of accounting. The authority shall not be required to distribute copies of the annual report to members of the General Assembly, but shall notify the members of the availability of the report in the manner in which it deems to be the most effective and efficient.

(b) Agencies shall be required to submit information technology reports to the authority not more than twice annually and with such content as the board shall define. The authority shall establish standards for agencies to submit the reports or updates. Standards shall include, without limitation, content, format, and frequency of updates."

**SECTION 4.**

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 50-25-7.12, relating to joint development of budgeting and accounting system, as follows:

"50-25-7.12.

~~The authority, the Office of Planning and Budget, and the state accounting officer shall jointly develop a system for budgeting and accounting of expenditures for technology resources. This system must integrate seamlessly with the technology portfolio management system. Annual reports regarding technology shall be coordinated by the authority with the Office of Planning and Budget and the state accounting officer and submitted to the Governor, General Assembly, and the board on or before October 1 of each year. The authority may adopt an accrual method of accounting. The authority shall not be required to distribute copies of the annual report to the members of the General Assembly but shall notify the members of the availability of the report in the manner which it deems to be most effective and efficient~~ Reserved."

**SECTION 5.**

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 50-29-12, relating to authorization for state agencies to establish pilot projects to serve as models for application of technology, as follows:

"(c) State agencies establishing pilot projects shall submit quarterly progress reports on such projects to the Georgia Technology Authority; ~~and the authority shall then submit such reports to the Electronic Commerce Study Committee.~~ The authority shall monitor the success of such pilot projects and provide technical assistance to the extent that resources of the authority are available."

**SECTION 6.**

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

**SECTION 7.**

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.